

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: MASS, CI  
SUBJECT: REPORT OF MUNITIONS SHIPMENT FROM UK TO CHILE  
REF: STATE 69308

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE DAO LONDON REPORT CITED REFTEL AND DISCUSSED THE SOURCE AND SUBJECT WITH THE DAO AND ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE WHO AUTHORED THE REPORT. FROM THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION AND THE PLACE OF LOADING IT IS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST AT THE MILITARY AND MOD CIVILIAN OFFICIAL LEVELS, HAD TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE SHIPMENT. GIVEN THE SENSITIVITY OF THE SUBJECT OF MILITARY SALES TO CHILE, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FCO AND RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIAL (POLITICAL) LEVELS ALSO KNEW OF AND AGREED TO THE SHIPMENT; BUT WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN OF THAT AT THIS TIME.

2. IT WILL NOT DO US ANY GOOD TO INQUIRE DIRECTLY INTO DETAILS OF THE SHIPMENT, DATE OF CONTRACT, ETC., AS BRITISH OFFICIALS CONSISTENTLY REFUSE TO REVEAL INFORMATION ON MILITARY SALES TO THIRD COUNTRIES ON COMPETITIVE AND OTHER GROUNDS.

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3. NEVERTHELESS, THIS SPECIFIC CASE MAY ENABLE US IN CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT INFORMALLY IN A WAY WHICH MIGHT ELICIT FURTHER DATA ON UK-CHILEAN ARMS SHIPMENTS.

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